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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: OCLR, TGEN, TBIO, CE

SUBJECT: S/V SERENITY CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF: COLOMBO 4578

1. DEPT APPRECIATES THOROUGH REPORTING BY EMBASSY CONCERNING GSL REFUSAL OF RESEARCH CLEARANCE. AS REPORTED IN LATEST CABLE TO EMBASSY, SERENITY IS BEHIND SCHEDULE AND IS NOW PLANNING A SCHEDULE REVISION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN VESSEL ARRIVING SRI LANKA PERHAPS 6 MONTHS LATER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. THE RESEARCH IS BEING FUNDED AND SPONSORED BY USG THROUGH THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. THE STATUS OF THE VESSEL AS A PRIVATE VESSEL DOES NOT RELATE TO THE STATUS OF THE RESEARCH WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH PUBLIC FUNDS.

2. OPERATORS OF THE SERENITY HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF REFTTEL AND WILL CONSIDER IT WHEN RESCHEDULING THE  
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REMAINDER OF THE CRUISE. IF THEY DECIDE THAT WORK OFF SRI LANKA IS NECESSARY THEN DEPT FEELS IT MAY BE WORTH A SECOND APPROACH TO GSL. INFORMAL APPROACH AT TIME OF PORT CALL WOULD PROBABLY BE USED ONLY AS LAST RESORT. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION UNTIL SCHEDULE REVISION IS PROVIDED BY SERENITY OPERATORS AT WHICH

TIME DEPT WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE.  
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